



# The Non-Working Poor WHY DID THEY LEAVE THEIR LAST JOBS?

## Reason Unemployed Respondent Left Last Job (Individual Sample)

	<u>Total Sample</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Urban</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Non- White</u>
Illness Or Injury	11.9%	9.9%	13.1%	11.0%	12.5%
Laid Off	14.8	12.7	16.0	15.0	14.7
Plant Closed Down	5.6	2.8	7.1	4.8	6.0
Generally Dissatisfied	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.5
Got Fired	1.7	.9	2.1	2.6	1.1
Got Married Or Pregnant	8.2	6.1	9.4	8.8	7.9
Seasonal Work	17.5	30.5	10.2	11.9	21.0
Pay Too Low	2.2	.5	3.1	1.8	2.5
Other	21.9	15.5	25.5	26.0	19.3
Data Not Available	7.8	12.6	5.1	9.7	6.5
TOTAL	100. %	100. %	100. %	100. %	100. %

Seasonal work, being laid off, and illness or injury were the main reasons that the unemployed respondents left their last jobs. Except for reason of seasonal work, few racial or regional differences seem significant. A greater percentage of non-white and rural individuals said seasonal work was the reason.